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IN THE TITLE:

Please change the title to "System and Method for Programmatically Creating Graphical Program Code in a Graphical Program".

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 15, 17 and 26 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for configuring a node in a graphical program, the method comprising:

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